

REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1, 4, 6-8, 19-20, and 28-30 as being anticipated by the PCT Publication to Avital. In addition, claims 2, 3 and 5 have been rejected as unpatentable over Avital. Claims 9-11, 18, 21 and 24-27 have been rejected as unpatentable over Avital in view of Richardson. Further, claims 12-14 and 17 have been rejected as unpatentable over Avital in view of Richardson, and in further view of Leclercq. However, the Examiner has indicated claims 22-23 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, and to include all limitations of the basic claim and any intervening claims, which has been done.


Applicant has amended claim 1 to insert the limitation that it has a means for focusing the light from the light source to a light beam having a selected focal length. As such, applicant believes that the omitted elements noted by the Examiner are now present in claim 1, as there is now an element which creates a focal length from the light source. Support for this additional limitation may be found in Figure 2(a) and in the specification at page 5, lines 25-29.

Applicant hereby requests reconsideration and re-examination thereof.

With the above amendments and remarks this application is considered ready for allowance and applicant earnestly solicits early notice of same. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the below-listed number.

Respectfully submitted,

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